IF I GIVE UP JUST BECAUSE I'M SCARED, I WON'T BECOME ANY STRONGER.

I'M GOING TO BECOME EVEN MORE POWERFUL...

I CAN'T LET MYSELF DIE HERE.

...AND LEVEL UP!

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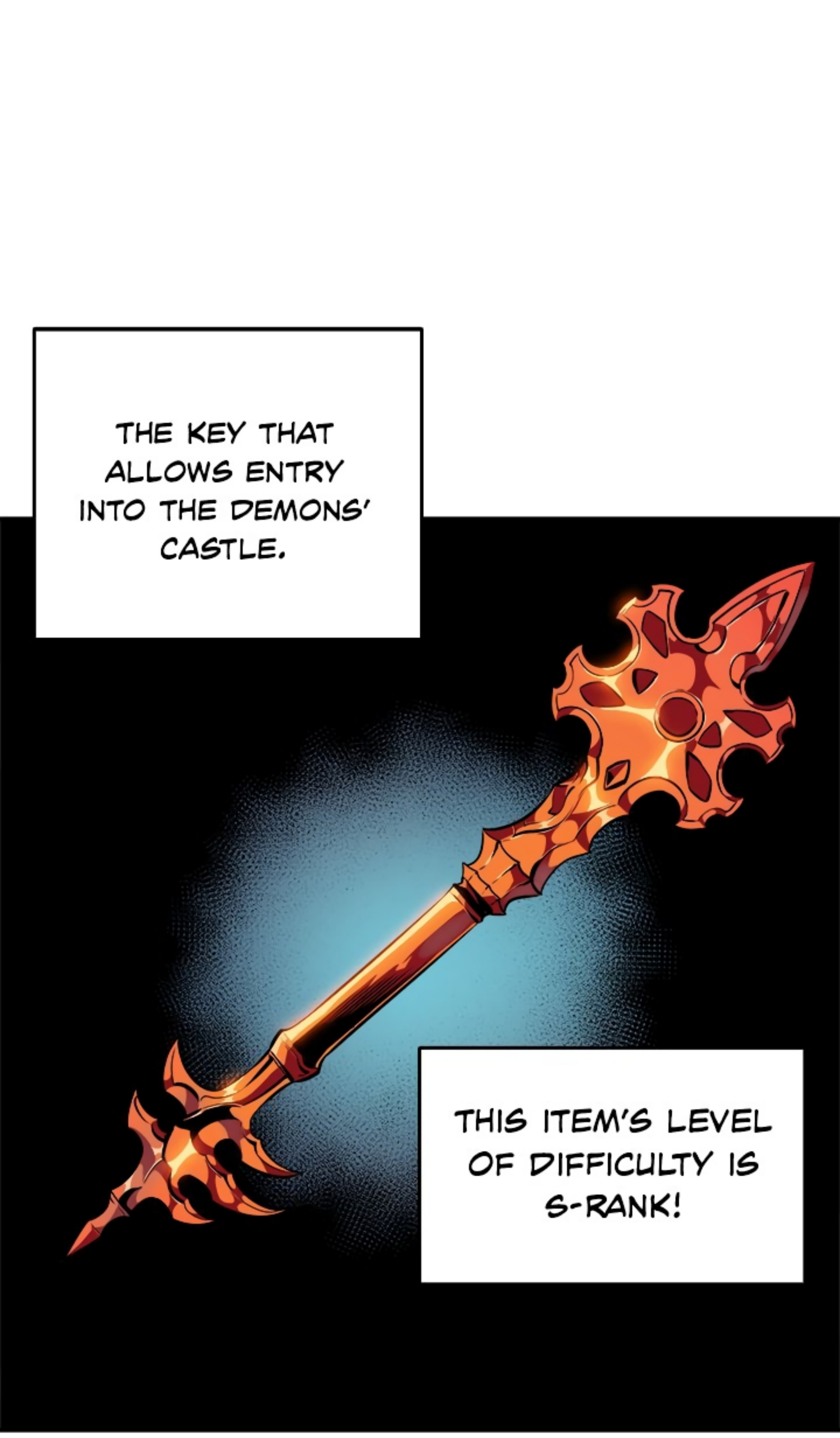


IF THE ITEM'S LEVEL IS EQUIVALENT TO THAT OF THE DUNGEON'S RANK, THAT MEANS MY CHANCE OF SURVIVAL IS VERY LOW.

THE SMART THING TO DO WOULD'VE BEEN TO FOCUS ON LEVELING UP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE, BEFORE CHOOSING THE RIGHT MOMENT TO ENTER THIS DUNGEON.

AFTER B-RANK, GATES GET EXPONENTIALLY MORE DIFFICULT...

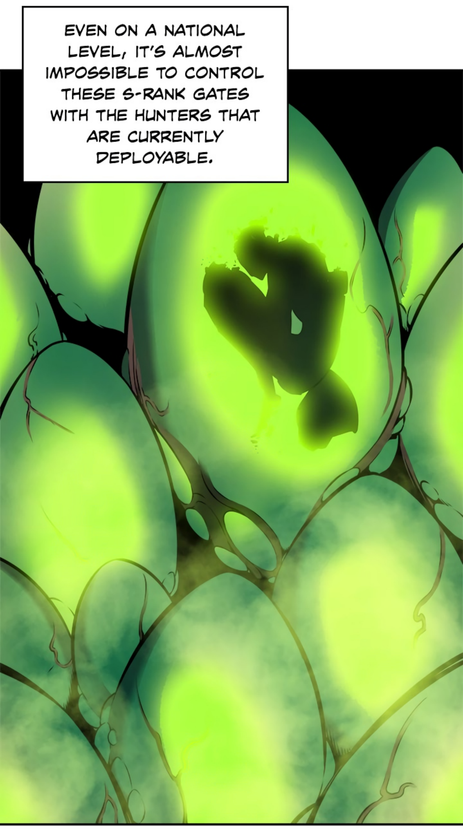
WHICH IS WHY ON A WORLDWIDE SCALE, S-RANK GATES HAVE ONLY EVER OPENED ON A FEW RARE OCCASIONS.

ONE OF THEM WAS ON JEJU ISLAND.

A DUNGEON BREAK

OCCURRED WHEN THE S-RANK GATE FAILED TO CLOSE, AND THE ISLAND BECAME A WASTELAND NO LONGER FIT FOR HUMAN HABITATION.

EVEN IF S-RANK HUNTERS FORM A TEAM, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW IF THEY'D BE ABLE TO SUCCESSFULLY CLEAR AN S-RANK DUNGEON.


EVEN ON A NATIONAL LEVEL, IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO CONTROL THESE S-RANK GATES WITH THE HUNTERS THAT ARE CURRENTLY DEPLOYABLE.

WHICH IS WHY AT MY CURRENT LEVEL, I SHOULDN'T HAVE ENTERED AN S-RANK DUNGEON.
S-RANK MAGIC BEASTS ARE MENACING, A FACT THAT I MUST NOT OVERLOOK.

MY ATTACKS WON'T BREAK THROUGH THEIR DEFENSES...

...AND THEY'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO INSTAKILL.

JUMP

SWOOSH

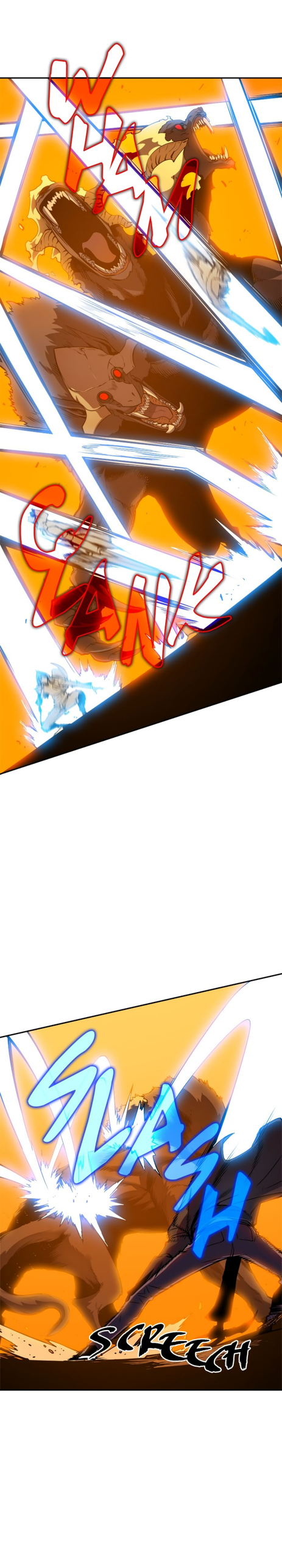
I ENTERED TO SIMPLY FIND OUT...
...WHETHER OR NOT MY CURRENT ATTACKS WOULD WORK ON SUCH DEADLY MONSTERS.

NOTICE

-[TITLE: WOLF ASSASSIN] BUFFS HAVE BEEN ACTIVATED.

NOTICE

-[SKILL: SPEED] HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.
-YOUR SPEED HAS INCREASED BY 30%.
-1 MANA WILL BE CONSUMED EVERY MINUTE WHILE THIS EFFECT IS IN USE.


WHAM
CLANK
SLASH
SCREECH

— X

NOTICE

-[SKILL: BLOODLUST] HAS BEEN ACTIVATED.

NOTICE

[THE FOE'S RESISTANCE WAS TOO HIGH. THE EFFECT WAS CANCELLED.]

FROM A GROWTH STANDPOINT, THIS IS THE BEST OPPONENT I COULD HAVE ASKED FOR.

BUT MY ATTACKS DON'T HAVE ANY EFFECT.

I CAN'T BELIEVE I'M STILL SO MUCH WEAKER EVEN WHEN MY TITLE BUFFS ARE IN EFFECT...

[TITLE: WOLF ASSASSIN]

THIS TITLE IS GIVEN TO HUNTERS WHO EXCEL AT HUNTING WOLVES. ALL YOUR ABILITIES WILL NOW INCREASE BY 40% WHEN FIGHTING AGAINST BEAST-TYPE MONSTERS.

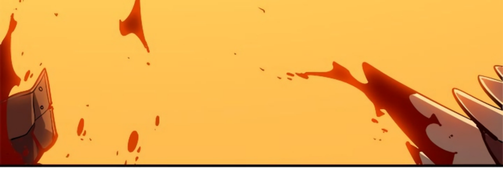
EVEN IF THIS DUNGEON ISN'T S-RANK, THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT IT'S SOMEWHERE AROUND THAT LEVEL.
SWISH

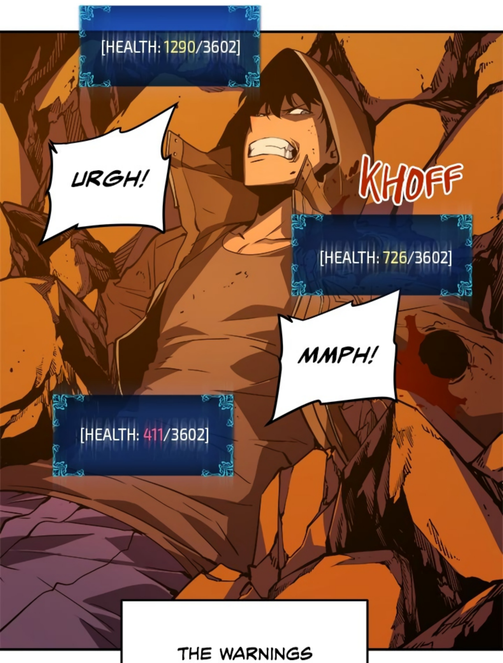
— X
NOTICE
-THE GATEKEEPER OF HELL, CERBERUS HAS USED [SKILL: RAGE].
— X
NOTICE
-CERBERUS WILL BE IN A STATE OF RAGE FOR 3 MINUTES.
-ALL OF CERBERUS' STATS WILL INCREASE TWOFOLD.

THE SYSTEM IS TELLING ME OUR DIFFERENCE IN STRENGTH.

DING
NOTICE
-[CERBERUS DOES NOT FEEL ANY PAIN.]

CRASH





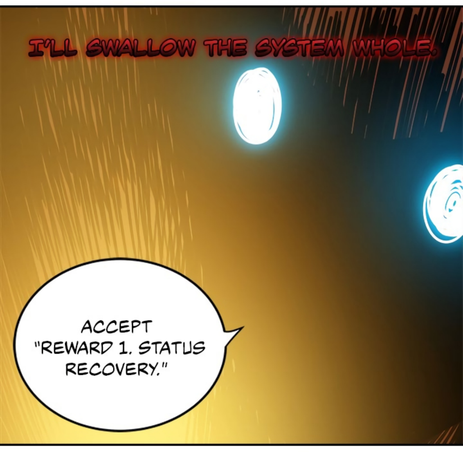
THE WARNINGS KEEP COMING.

EVEN IN THIS DIRE SITUATION, THE SYSTEM IS TRYING ITS BEST TO ENSURE THAT THE PLAYER DOESN'T DIE...

...BECAUSE IT CAN'T HAVE ITS ONLY PLAYER, "SUNG JINWOO," DIE.

ANYONE CAN TELL THAT WHAT I'VE GONE THROUGH...
...IS DIFFERENT FROM A NORMAL REAWAKENING.

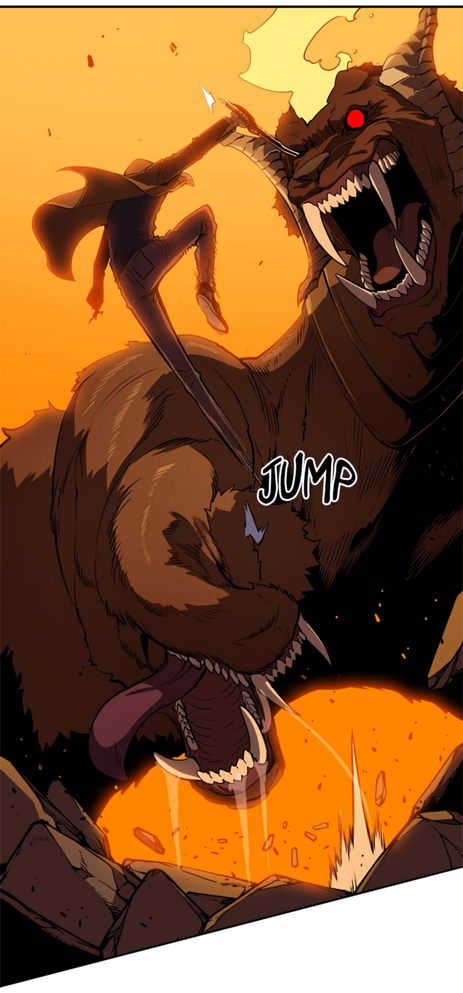
IF I HAVE BECOME SOMEONE'S AVATAR THROUGH THE SYSTEM...
...I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO EXCEED THEIR EXPECTATIONS.


I'LL SWALLOW THE SYSTEM WHOLE.
ACCEPT "REWARD 1. STATUS RECOVERY."

FLAAAASH

CRUMBLE

CHOMP


JUMP

SLASH
SWOOSH

AAAAHH

POOF
KA
SHINK
CHOMP
BOOM
SWOOSH
BOOM
RUUUUUMBLE

NOTICE
[YOU HAVE DEFEATED
THE GATEKEEPER OF HELL, CERBERUS.]
NOTICE
[LEVEL UP!]
[LEVEL UP!]
[LEVEL UP!]
[LEVEL UP!]

THANKS TO YOU, I NOW KNOW HOW STRONG I AM.

AT MY CURRENT LEVEL, I'LL DIE IF I OPEN THOSE CASTLE DOORS.

I'LL COME BACK AFTER I'VE BECOME STRONGER.

[ITEM: WARDEN'S NECKLACE]

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: A

TYPE: NECKLACE

AGILITY +20, SENSE +20

[ITEM: KEY TO THE CASTLE]

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: A

TYPE: KEY

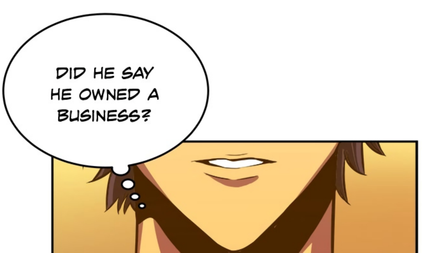
A KEY THAT CAN OPEN THE DOORS TO THE DEMONS' CASTLE. OBTAINED BY KILLING THE GATEKEEPER.

[ITEM: CERBERUS' FANG]

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: NONE

TYPE: MISCELLANEOUS

A FANG THAT IS OBTAINED BY DEFEATING CERBERUS.

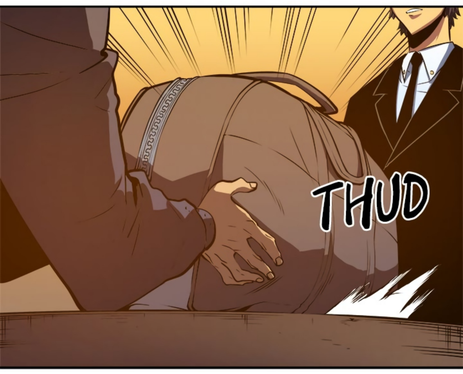

DID HE SAY HE OWNED A BUSINESS?

WHY DID YOU ASK TO SEE ME?

I HEARD THAT PEOPLE DON'T EVER FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENS IN THE DUNGEONS.

GRIN

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?


THUD

HERE'S TWO BILLION WON.

I TRUST YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY BY GIVING YOU THIS.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

PLEASE, I BEG YOU, SIR...

PLEASE... KILL THOSE

BASTARDS FOR ME...!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE

I'LL NEED ONE BILLION MORE ON TOP OF THIS TO TAKE OUT THE OTHER HUNTERS.
CAN YOU GET THE MONEY?

ASKING ME TO SQUASH A COUPLE OF BUGS IS A PIECE OF CAKE.
BUT BUGS AREN'T THE ONLY THINGS INSIDE THE DUNGEONS. THERE ARE ALSO OTHER HUNTERS.
TH...THAT MEANS!

B-RANKS ARE CONSIDERED HIGH-LEVEL HUNTERS, SO THEY'RE SOUGHT AFTER BY MAJOR GUILDS.
DO YOU KNOW WHY I DECIDED TO WORK FOR THE SURVEILLANCE TEAM AT THE HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION DESPITE THE BAD PAY?

BECAUSE
I ENJOY KILLING
HUMANS WAY MORE
THAN KILLING
BEASTS.

To Be Continued...

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